

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Criminal Action No. 06-00255-01/02-CR-W-GAF

v.

JASON BRANCH, SR. and
KAREN WEATHERS,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AND
ACTION TAKEN AT PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

PENDING CHARGE: Using the name J.E. Capital Group, the defendants are alleged to have sold various investment products and loans. In connection with the solicitation of investors and the sale of these products, the defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud (Count 1); mail fraud (Counts 2-3); wire fraud (Counts 4-9) conspiracy to commit money laundering (Count 10) and money laundering (Counts 11-15)

The following matters were discussed and action taken during the pretrial conference:

TRIAL COUNSEL:

Government: Curt Bohling
Case Agent: Special Agent Janet Lintner of the FBI
Defense: Bruce Simon for defendant Jason Branch, Sr
Travis Poindexter for defendant Karen Weathers

OUTSTANDING MOTIONS: None

TRIAL WITNESSES:

Government: 30-32 with stipulations; 30-35 without stipulations
Defendant Branch: 1 witness, possibly the defendant
Defendant Weathers: 6 witnesses, including defendant

TRIAL EXHIBITS

Government: 200 exhibits
Defendant: 0 for defendant Branch; 15 for defendant Weathers

DEFENSES: Lack of specific intent and general denial

POSSIBLE DISPOSITION:

(X) Definitely for trial; () Possibly for trial; () Likely a plea will be worked out

TRIAL TIME: 8-9 days

Government's case including jury selection: 6-7 days

Defendant Branch: ½ day or less if he testifies

Defendant Weathers: 1- 1 ½ days

STIPULATIONS: The parties are working on stipulations for 3 records custodians

UNUSUAL QUESTIONS OF LAW: None

FILING DEADLINES:

Witness and Exhibit List

Government: Friday before the pretrial conference

Defense: Friday before the pretrial conference

Counsel are requested to list witnesses in alphabetical order on their witness list.

Exhibit Index, Voir Dire, Jury Instructions: Noon, Wednesday April 18, 2007

Please Note: Jury instructions must comply with Local Rule 51.1

Motion in Limine: Defendant Karen M Weathers Motion In Limine, doc. #32 (Defendant seeks to exclude references to her convictions that are more than 10 years old.)

TRIAL SETTING: Criminal jury trial docket commencing April 23, 2007.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/
SARAH W. HAYS
United States Magistrate Judge